

Cut Price Sale.

Twice a year it is customary to clean house. We go through our stock and clean out the broken and slow-selling lots. This is a stock-cleaning time with us, and it ought to interest you because of the good things it puts within reach at very low prices.

Our house-cleaning sale is a tempting time for bargain hunters. If one half of the men in Tazewell knew how little money it takes to buy one of our good Suits or Overcoats during this sale, we'd need a store ten times the size to wait on them.

It's your loss if you don't take advantage of this sale.

Harrison and Gillespie Bros.,
The Big Store.

The Leap Year German.

The "As You Like It Club" of young ladies ushered in the New Year by giving a most delightful german in the Town Hall on the evening of the first. It came also as a charming finale to the holiday festivities. A number of visitors from Wise, Bluefield, Graham, Pocahontas, Salem and Radford were present and added greatly to the pleasure and gaiety of the occasion. About forty couples danced the german, led by Mr. James O'Keefe, with Miss Biggs, one of Salem's most beautiful and popular young society leaders, and who has won a host of friends during her short visit in Tazewell.

The young ladies had tastefully decorated the hall and every arrangement was in that state of dainty perfection impossible to all except a woman's hand, and which it is impossible to describe. The scene was a charming one and it is no disparagement to others to say that one would have to go far to see such an array of beauty so exquisitely gowned. Certainly fairer damsels never had more admiring or devoted squires.

Breezy Briefs From Many Sanctuaries.

General Weyler is going to write a book telling why he didn't invade the United States. Spain may need enlightenment on that point, but this country doesn't.

The real sufferers in the event of war between Russia and Japan will be the proof readers on the newspapers.

The New York Sun estimates that 5000 distinct languages are spoken among men. But some of them sound indistinct.

Mr. Bryan has set sail for home with his pockets bulging with copy for the Commoner. The date of his first lecture on "Monarchs Who have Met Me" has not been announced by the bureau.

The school for the cure of shyness, which has been started in London is not expected to do anything for the relief of the man who flinches himself shy when the Christmas bills come in.

Appreciates a Good Thing.

The Clinch Valley News comes out with a handsomely illustrated number, which shows the business standing of Tazewell. Such efforts do a town good and demonstrate the public spirit of its citizens.—Southern West Virginian.

The Christmas week issue of the Clinch Valley News, published at Tazewell, Va., contained two pages of illustrations of buildings, pictures of street scenes and of prominent business men of Tazewell, together with a brief and interesting write-up of the city. It was a neat and creditable edition and Editor J. A. Leslie is to be complimented on his good work.—Big Stone Gap Post.

Delicate Operation.

Robert Neal, son of Mr. John Neal of Poor Valley, was operated upon Wednesday morning by Drs. Crockett and Grever. Young Neal sometime ago was kicked in the forehead by a horse and the wound gave him considerable trouble, causing him to have severe headaches, which prevented him from studying. In the operation a knot was found to have formed on an affected nerve over the right eye. The knot was removed and Mr. Neal is thought, will be restored to his usual health.

SURVEYS IN THE PACIFIC.

Many Islands of the South Sea Groups Have Been Placed Upon the Charts.

Several months ago Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, recommended to his colleagues the desirability of determining the longitude between Vancouver on the Pacific coast and Brisbane in Australia. The recommendation was approved, and an order in council passed to that effect. Mr. W. F. King, the chief astronomer of the Dominion, made all the necessary arrangements, and appointed Dr. Otto Klotz, Dominion astronomer, to carry out the work. A cable has been received from Dr. Klotz stating that his mission has been successful, says an Ottawa (Can.) report.

Hitherto none of the myriad of South Sea Islands of the Pacific ocean, lying between the coasts of America and Australia, have been accurately charted as to longitude. Of course, they have been approximately laid down in the maps, but none with any degree of certainty. They were what navigators would term "floating," in the sense that navigators never knew within a considerable distance where they would come upon a certain island or group of islands. This was due to the fact that, owing to the absence of cable communication between America and Australia, there were no means of mathematically fixing the exact longitude of a given point in the Pacific. For this reason navigation was rendered to an appreciable extent more hazardous than in the other oceans. Ships which had been caught in fogs, or had in some other way become uncertain of their exact reckoning, had to proceed with caution, and often make long detours when, had the ocean been accurately charted, a direct course could have been maintained.

To Canada, among all the nations of the world, belongs the credit of remedying this state of affairs. The building of the Pacific cable, which was also largely due to the part Canada played in it, made this possible. The longitude was accurately known to Vancouver westward from Greenwich, and to Brisbane, Australia, eastward from Greenwich, but was not accurately laid down between Vancouver and Brisbane. It was to locate the longitude of this space and complete the girdling of the globe that Dr. Klotz proceeded, several months ago, to the South sea. The method adopted was interesting. His assistant preceded him to Fanning island, whence he got into communication with Dr. Klotz at Vancouver by cable, and they compared the chronometer readings by cable so as to measure the exact "time distance" between the two points. This was added to the "time distance" from Greenwich to Vancouver. Dr. Klotz then proceeded to Suva, Fiji islands, and there repeated the operation, adding the time distance to that point. Then similarly to Norfolk Island, and from there to Brisbane, where the time distance was compared with that from Greenwich eastward to Brisbane. The result of this work will be that the absolute certain longitude of each of the points named will be determined, and these in turn can be taken as the center from which hydrographic surveys will be made of the islands of the Pacific, so as to correct the existing charts. The interest and importance of the work can hardly be exaggerated, and the results will prove of great commercial benefit to the marine navigation of the world.

BERLIN'S CITY OFFICIALS.

Said by This Writer to Be Far Ahead of Those of American Towns.

Prof. R. T. Ely, in the World To-day, presents a striking contrast between the type of municipal employees in Germany and in the United States. He writes:

What are the prospects for that improvement in the civil service which is demanded by existing conditions? When I speak about the civil service I have two very different pictures in my mind. I think of the employees of the city hall in Berlin and of the employees in New York city. When I was a student in Berlin, I was asked by Andrew D. White, then our minister to Germany for the first time, to make a study of the government of the city of Berlin. In order to make my investigations I had occasion to go to the city hall and consult the officials. I found them scholars and gentlemen, thoroughly familiar with all the details of their business and evidently interested in it. I was given a budget of the city of Berlin which was a model. At that time the city council of Berlin was a body of high-minded men, among whom one of the most celebrated scientists of the world occupied a dominant position; I mean Dr. Rudolph Virchow. It was largely through his influence that improved sanitary conditions had been introduced into Berlin, saving the lives of many thousands annually. Soon after my return to this country, I had occasion to go to the city hall of New York and was almost overcome by a sense of humiliation at the contrast, seeing corrupt-looking men sitting on desks and chewing tobacco, men evidently not at all versed in the science of municipal government, and caring nothing about it.

We wish them much joy and pleasure in their happy union.

Mr. S. F. Stowers and family are visiting Mr. Kelly Neal.

Mr. Rush Robinson is very ill at this writing.

The people are having a good time this Christmas. Plenty of cold weather and have to shuck corn every day.

Finney Sliding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gilmore, of Bluefield, visited relatives and friends, in this community, this week.

Miss Ibbie Banner, of Lebanon, spent Saturday and Sunday here, the guest of her brother, S. W. Banner. She attended school at Virginia Institute, Bristol, the past session, and will return in a few days.

Mrs. W. A. Howard and children have returned from a weeks stay at her father's in Lebanon.

Mr. Full Thompson and son, Ross, of Tazewell, were here on business a few days last week.

Pocahontas.

The guessing contest for the \$10.00 box of Haylers Candy at the Flat Top Drug Co. store, was closed Saturday night, January 2nd, and when the guesses were canvassed, Mr. Frank Davis, of Eckman, W. Va. was the successful guesser, having come within 87 cents of the amount contained in the jar.

Mr. W. P. Buckwalter was called to Philadelphia last week by the illness of his wife.

Dr. John P. Haller continues ill, at his home on Water street.

Miss Essie Jones has for her guest, the Misses Pamplins, of Roanoke.

Miss Nellie Hood, of Calpeper, Va., is spending the holidays with the Misses Browning.

Mr. Josh. A. Landon left Thursday for Petersburg, where he will be married on Wednesday next to Miss Lama Alley, of that city. Mr. and

Misses Mattie Belle and Lillie Leece, who have been attending school at Martha Washington, came home for the holidays.

Miss Annie Steele, of Paint Lick, has been visiting friends and relatives in the Valley the past week.

Mr. Archie Thompson visited friends in Washington county, last week.

W. T. Thompson and family have had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. A. J. Steel and little daughter, Margaret, in their home for several days past.

Mrs. J. L. Meredith, who has been very sick, is improving.

Mrs. Oscar Witten, who has been with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Meredith, through her sickness, returned home this morning.

Mr. R. H. Winner is making active preparations to leave the community. He expects to settle in London Co., Va. We regret to lose "Bob" from our midst.

Rev. Mr. Hanrahan preached an excellent sermon last Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, but on account of the inclemency of the weather, there was but a small congregation.

Sealed Bids.

Sealed bids solicited for borrowing \$5000.00, for the permanent improvement of the public roads in Tazewell county. Said bid to be returned to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on or before Jan. 16, 1904.

F. Thompson,
Chairman of Board.

DOES ADVERTISING PAY?

Clinch Valley News,
Tazewell, Va.

Dear Sirs:—

We are pleased with the growth of our business last year, and attribute it largely to a liberal use of Printers' Ink.

Yours truly,

HARRISSON & GILLESPIE BROS.

Mrs. Landon will reside on Moore street after their return to Pocahontas.

Mr. E. E. Keller, returned home last night, with his bride, who was Miss Spite, of Durhamville, Tenn.

The Misses Dugon, of Roanoke, Va., are the guest of Miss Kate McGee at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Big Town, W. Va., visited Pocahontas Sunday.

Mrs. E. G. McPhelps is much improved this week.

One of Mr. J. L. Babers children is very ill.

Mrs. Dr. G. W. Zimmerman returned from a visit to her mother's at Pearisburg, Thursday.

Mr. G. H. Landon is ill this week.

The dance at the Inn on Thursday evening was quite a success. We regret we have not space to give fuller account.

A fire on Thursday destroyed some of the Companies shanties in Bear-town, near the Browning Mines.

Little Bertha Crockett is very ill with typhoid fever.

Thompson Valley.

The Christmas season is passed, and Santa Claus, after making many a childish heart overflow with joy, has returned to his home—at the North Pole—making ready to visit us again, with a more abundant supply, if possible, in 1904.

Mr. C. A. Leece invited a few of his many friends to partake of a sumptuous dinner given at his home on last Thursday. They report a nice time.

TWO MEN KILLED INSTANTLY

Four Others Badly Hurt
Dec. 29th.

Big Creek, Va., Jan. 5.—A terrible and fatal accident occurred on Capt. Fugates incline, a few miles from here, on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, by which James Carter and Riley Houchins, of this place were instantly killed, and four others badly, one, perhaps, fatally injured.

It seems that the men had boarded a loaded flat to descend the incline on the north side of the dividing ridge, the cars being let down the tram road by a wire cable rope.

When in the decent an iron bolt attached to the break at the drum broke, and the car with its load, and human freight, dashed down the incline with the speed of lightning, and when striking the bottom the unfortunate men were hurled with great force high in the air, and the flat and its contents totally demolished and scattered broad east over a large area. The two men Carter and Houchins were killed out-right, their brains being scattered on the ground.

Mr. Ed Houchins, brother of the one killed, lies at home with a broken leg, and other injuries.

The other men will recover. No blame is attached to any one for the unfortunate accident.

The sudden taking off of Carter and Houchins, both young men, was doubly sad, as Carter had married a sister of Houchins, but four days be-

fore the accident, and Houchins was to have been married on last Thursday, the day on which they were buried at the Cemetery at Jones Chapel side by side.

The sad event was attended by an unusual large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives.

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Christmas at Benbow.

Benbow, Va., Jan. 4.—Misses Mattie Bell and Lillie Leece, two charming young ladies of this section, have been spending the holidays at home. They will return the last of this week to Martha Washington College, where they have been attending school for the last two years.

Mr. George Moss and Mr. Rosenbaum, two of Burk's Garden's best known young gentlemen, spent several days in this community during Christmas.

The High School opened again Monday the 4th. All seem to be refreshed after a week's rest.

Miss Eliza Richardson and Miss Mary Miller, two beautiful young ladies of Tazewell, spent several days in this community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Buchanan gave the young folks of this community a very enjoyable party the night of the 23rd ult.

Miss Matty Fox and Miss May Nelson, two well-known young ladies who live a few miles west of here, were visiting friends and acquaintances in this section the last of last week.

The party given the young folks of this section, on last Saturday night, was well attended and was enjoyed very much by all who had the pleasure of attending. Mr. and Mrs. Witten always have things right around them or do not have them at all.

Everybody likes J. B. and are always glad to be invited to his home. The little 1-year-old baby, of John Puckett, who has been so sick with pneumonia is slowly improving.

Mr. Reece Kinder has had a yer sick child, but it is almost well again.

Mr. Dave Williams has been very sick for several days with rheumatism. He is not improved at this writing.

Mr. William Allen has had a very sick little boy for several days, but he is much improved at this writing.

Almost the entire family of Mr. Jas. Harris has been sick for several days with something like quinsy. All but Miss Samantha are improving. She is quite sick yet.

The festivities of the Christmas holidays were opened Monday night with a party and dance given by Miss Blanche Buchanan. Judging from the late hour at which the guests departed, and from their reluctance to leave, there was not one who did not thoroughly enjoy the entertainment.

Miss Nellie Lynch had some of her friends on Wednesday to spend the day. Someone suggested fortune-telling with cards, but one of the young ladies present objected so strongly that there were those who suspected that she desired to settle her own fate.

Friday night, Miss Allie Gray Buchanan gave a combined Clinch and Pit party. The charming young hostess possesses to a remarkable extent the talent to make one feel at home, and have a pleasant time.

Miss Rosalie Witten gave a dance Saturday night and everyone who attended is still talking of the pleasant time enjoyed.

Bluefield Inn,

Bluefield, W. Va.

A first-class hotel, modern conveniences, first-class accommodations.

Rates, \$2.00 per day.

European hotel and restaurant. Opposite passenger station. Table furnished with best. Open day and night. Neatly furnished rooms. The only first-class restaurant in coal fields.

SLOAN & MARSH, Props.

Met Horrible Death.

G. A. Vaughan, a young man whose home was near High Point N. C. but who is supposed to have been working in the coal field for several months, met a frightful death on the yard at Bluefield, only a few feet west of the overhead bridge. The poor fellow, attempted to cross the track while some cars were being shifted, and was run down. His body was fearfully

TOOK AWAY HIS CONTRACT

Blankenship Wanted to Rescind Contract.

Jas. H. Gillespie, of Cedar Bluff, was in Tazewell this week. Mr. Gillespie was a party to a very peculiar experience at Cedar Bluff a few days ago. He recently purchased from a Mr. Blankenship, a tract of land lying near Cedar Bluff, and when Mr. Gillespie came to settle with Mr. Blankenship, Blankenship wanted to rescind the contract and take his land back. Mr. Gillespie would not agree to any such proposal, and, in the meantime, procured the contract and read it to Mr. Blankenship. Blankenship asked to see the contract which was given him, and after reading it over put it in his pocket and walked away with it. Mr. Gillespie asked him to return it, but he refused, and Mr. Gillespie's business here is to see Mr. Blankenship and get his contract back.

Married at Welch.

Welch, W. Va., Jan. 4.—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. R. C. Waldon this morning when Miss Venie G. Peery, of Tazewell, Va., became the bride of James R. Dotson, of Tug River, Rev. E. A. Shugart, pastor of the M. E. Church here performing the ceremony.

A few relatives and friends of the contracting parties witnessed marriage; among whom we note: J. W. Buchanan, brother-in-law of the bride, Miss George Buchanan, Charles McGuire, J. W. Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gay and Harry Peery, brother of the bride.

The wedding party came to Welch from Tug River on the early morning train and returned to that place at 11:15, where the bride and groom will reside.

Mr. Dotson is a very prominent and efficient employee of the United States Coal and Coke Company, at Tug River, and has many friends. Mrs. Dotson is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Peery, of Tazewell, Va., and had been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Buchanan, at Tug River for several weeks.

Big Wigs at Church.

The richest man in the United States, probably in the world, notwithstanding the claims of Albert Belt, is a Baptist. The ablest financier-promoter is an Episcopalian. The most powerful banker is an Episcopalian. The most astute Democratic politician is a Roman Catholic. The foremost wholesale merchant is a Presbyterian. The most energetic, far-seeing Republican politician is Episcopalian. The leading physician is a Methodist. The most successful market operator in the world is never seen inside of a church. The ablest ironmaster of all time is an Episcopalian.

Successful Men

are those who persevere, work hard and possess the tireless kind of energy. Few men reach the top; but there are thousands who get enough ahead to build a house. It seems strange that after working hard to acquire property that some men are careless after they get it.

Right here in Tazewell today there are people who have no insurance on their houses while others are insured in companies which cannot be depended on absolutely.

How about your policy? But maybe you haven't got one. Where would your money be should devouring flames come along to-night.

The J. F. Hurt Insurance Agency.

J. F. Hurt, President. J. R. Laird, Secretary.

DANIEL M. COSBY,
Attorney at Law.
Tazewell, - Virginia.
Practicing in the State and Federal Courts.

New Year Greeting

To our friends and patrons we extend our thanks for the success of our business in 1903 and assure you that our efforts in your behalf will be doubled in 1904. To all we wish a happy and prosperous New Year.

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CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of Imitations.